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Docket No. 0553-0276-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

<p>Prior Application:</p> <p>Examiner: <u>A. Stevenson</u></p> <p>Art Unit: <u>2812</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.60 request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on <u>February 9, 2004</u> in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number <u>EV 321713977</u> addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450</p> <p><u>Yue x Ruan</u> name of person signing</p> <p><u>Yue x Ruan</u> signature</p>
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BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
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TRANSMITTAL OF FILING UNDER 37 CFR 1.53

1. This is a request for filing a

☐ Divisional

☒ Continuation

application under 37 CFR 1.53 of pending prior application Serial No. 09/949,415 filed on September 7, 2001 of Yoshiharu HIRAKATA, Yuriko HAMAMOTO and Rumo SATAKE for Liquid Crystal Display Device

2. True Copy of Original Prior Application Papers Attached.

I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of the above-identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed (37 CFR 1.60).

3. Amendments

☐ Cancel in this application original claims\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

☒ Please enter the enclosed Preliminary Amendment (prior to calculating the filing fee)

4. Information Disclosure Statement

☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed herewith.

5. Fee Calculation (claims pending after entry of any amendments above)

☐ A verified statement of small entity status:

☐ has been filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired

☐ is attached

☒ Other than small entity

For	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate sm/lg ent.	Fee
Total Claims	39	-20 = 19	x \$9/18	\$342.00
Independent Claims	6	- 3 = 3	x \$43/86	\$258.00
Multiple Dependent Claims	No		\$145/290	\$0.00
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)			\$385/770	\$770
Assignment			\$40	\$0
Total Filing Fee				\$1370.00

6. Fee Payment

☒ [X] A check in the amount of \$1370.00 is enclosed

☐ [ ] Please charge deposit account 50/1039 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

☒ [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 50/1039. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

7. Drawings

☒ [X] New formal drawings are enclosed.

☐ [ ] Informal drawings are enclosed.

8. Foreign Priority

☒ [X] Priority of foreign application serial no: 2000-273807 filed September 8, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

☒ [X] The certified copy has been filed in prior U.S. application Serial No. 09/949,415.

☐ [ ] The certified copy will follow.

9. Relate Back -- 35 U.S.C. 120

☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This application is a continuation of copending U.S. application Serial No.

09/949,415, filed on September 7, 2001.--

10. Inventorship

With respect to the prior copending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC 120 the inventor(s) in this application is (are):

☒ the same

☐ less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted:

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11. Assignment

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Semiconductor Energy Laboratory Co., Ltd.

☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached (with cover sheet) for recording..

12. Maintenance of Copendency of Prior Application

☐ A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending prior application until \_\_\_\_\_ or

☐ A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending parent application (copy enclosed).

13. Power of Attorney

☒ The power of attorney in the prior application is to: Edward D. Manzo,  
registration no. 28,139

☐ The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.

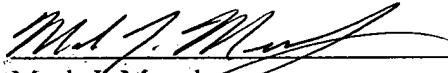
☒ Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the  
power in the prior application is enclosed.

☒ Address all future communications to:

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Respectfully submitted,

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